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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In an Office Action dated July 23, 2003, Claims 1-5, 8-13, 16-21, 23-26, 33, and 34 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Kern et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,181,028). Claims 6, 7, 14, 15, 22, and 27-32 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kern et al. As is set forth in this response, applicant has amended the claims of the application to more clearly set forth features of applicant's invention that patentably distinguish the claimed invention over Kern et al.

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